



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Southern California Edison, Etiwanda Generating Station Rancho Cucamonga, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **May 16 through June 14, 2011**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a draft Closure Demonstration Report (CDR) for the regulatory closure of three wastewater retention basins and associated pipelines (retention basins) for the former Southern California Edison (Edison), Etiwanda Generating Station. The generating station, located at 8996 Etiwanda Avenue, in Rancho Cucamonga, California was built in 1965. DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and removal of hazardous waste in California

The retention basins were historically used to store waste water that may have contained small amounts of oil, grease, suspended solids, and which occasionally, temporarily stored metals, acidic solutions and organic combustion byproducts. Waste water containing only oil, grease, and suspended solids, was and continues to be discharged under the provisions of a National Pollutants Discharge Elimination System permit issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The metals, acidic solutions, and organic compounds were never discharged from the site. The retention basins will not be removed because they support ongoing generating station operation. The draft CDR describes how Edison investigated whether past operation of the basins resulted in soil or groundwater contamination and determined there were no health risks to humans and the environment. The draft Plan was prepared in response to a settlement between Edison and DTSC that affected eleven generating stations, including the Etiwanda Generating Station.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION - DTSC conducted a study to find out whether the closure of the retention basins would harm the environment as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on this study, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the regulatory closure of the retention basins and associated pipelines will not have a significant negative impact on human health and the environment.

The public comment period will start on May 16, 2011 and end on June 14, 2011. Written comments must be postmarked or emailed by June 14, 2011 and sent to: Steve Rounds, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311 or by email to: srounds@dtsc.ca.gov.

For more information - Copies of the draft CDR, draft Notice of Exemption, and other documents related to the site are available for review at the Paul A. Biane Library, 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739. The administrative record is available for review Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the DTSC Regional Records Room, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311. Call (818) 717-6521 for an appointment.

Contact - If you have any questions or wish to discuss this project, please contact: Steve Rounds, Project Manager, (818) 717-6602 or email: srounds@dtsc.ca.gov or Jeanne Matsumoto, Public Participation Specialist, (714) 484-5338 or toll-free (866) 495-5651, press 4 then 6, email: jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov. Media inquires, please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov. TDD users can use the California Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 and ask to speak to Jeanne Matsumoto. For information on the DTSC, visit our web site: www.dtsc.ca.gov.